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Ex-Marine, 20, Rejects U. S.

MOSCOW, Oct. 31 (AP).—
~~An ex-Marine from Texas~~ told the United States Embassy today he has applied for Soviet citizenship.

"I have made up my mind, I'm through," said Lee Harvey Oswald, 20, of Fort Worth, ~~Texas~~, slapping his passport on the desk.

The embassy suggested he withhold signing papers renouncing his United States citizenship until he is sure the Soviet Union will accept him.

Oswald's decision on this suggestion was not known. Embassy officials said he refused to give any information about himself. Reporters contacted him but he also refused to give them any information.

Visiting as Tourist

The former Marine did say, however, that he applied for Soviet citizenship after coming here as a tourist October 13.

Oswald is the third American in recent months to apply for Soviet citizenship upon arriving in Moscow.

Nicholas Petrulli of Valley Stream, N. Y., filed a renunciation form, then changed his mind and decided to keep his United States citizenship. Robert Webster of Cleveland, Ohio, completed formalities for taking Soviet citizenship 10 days ago.

(The remainder of this dispatch was held in censorship.)

Had Visited Texas

Oswald's mother, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, lives in Fort Worth. He went into the Marines October 24, 1956.

His sister-in-law, Mrs. R. L. Oswald of Fort Worth, said he got out of the Marines about a month ago and returned to Fort Worth for a visit.

"He said he wanted to travel a lot and talked about going to Cuba," she said. "This is a stupid thing he's doing."

An acquaintance, Mrs. James E. Taylor, said Oswald was a youth who would rather stay in his room than make friends. She said he seemed to be intelligent but showed little inclination for attending high school.

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